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Washington, D.C.]

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American Numismatic Society,  
Fifth Avenue and Fifty-seventh Street,  
New York, N. Y.

Sirs:

I am informed that your Society will upon request give an opinion on the value or worth of old coins; consequently I am enclosing a list of coins in the possession of a retired Methodist minister who wishes to dispose of them, as he needs money. He says that he did not obtain the coins from dealers, but acquired them in his travels through the Holy Land, Egypt and other Asiatic countries, from natives. At one time, he states, he was offered twenty-two hundred dollars for the "Crusaders' coins" alone; but as he did not need the money and as coin collecting was a hobby with him, he refused the offer; but as he now needs money, he is desirous of disposing of his collection.

3) He further says that the half shekel 157 B.C. (top of page) is one of two in existence, the other being in the British Museum.

I have no interest whatever in the matter, except to oblige a Kentucky friend of mine who is a friend of the minister and is trying to aid him in disposing of his collection.

Hoping for a reply at your convenience, I remain,

Respectfully,

*C. M. Force*

Treasury Building,  
Room 312.

*List need not be returned*



November 6th, 1923.

Mr. C. M. Foree,  
Treasury Building,  
Room 312,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Your favor concerning the collection of coins belonging to Dr. Coleman at hand. It is absolutely impossible to advise any one concerning the value of these without seeing the actual pieces. Our rules preclude us from valuing collections, simply to say whether a coin is genuine or not, &c. We would advise you to write to Mr. Wayte Raymond, 489 Park Avenue, New York.

We are under the impression that we have received a similar list awhile ago, as an account of the coins of the Grand Masters has a familiar ring in our ears.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator,